

Wichita Board of Appeals of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Minutes Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Present: Don Vaughn, Sr., Terry Irwin, Jerry Short, Keith Brewer and Leon Breedlove

Members Absent: David Lefler

Staff: Dan Leidy, Sharon Dickgrafe w/ Law Department, Billie Vines w/ Water Department and Kim Mudd

Guests Present: Ray Frederick, w/ Frederick Plumbing & Heating; Lonny Wright, w/ Lonny Wright Door Replacement; John Shepherd, w/ Local 441 and Kirby Clark

Don Vaughn, seconded by Jerry Short, moved to accept the November minutes, motion carried 5-0.

Chairman, Terry Irwin announced there would be a change in the agenda to accommodate the guests.

Max Christenensen, of Oakridge Construction, presented his request for variance for the mechanical vents to each island. After a lengthy discussion and debate, Jerry Short, seconded by Leon Breedlove, moved to deny Mr. Christensen's request, motion carried 5 – 0. After the vote Mr. Christensen requested a clarification on Section 803 and that section was reviewed. Mr. Christensen's stated he would appeal to the City Council.

Phil Sewell, with Central Mechanical, presented the idea of changing the ratio of apprentice and journeyman, because of a shortage of certified journeyman in the field. A lengthy discussion of this idea was discussed. Many different ideas and suggestions were discussed, with many positive ideas stemming from the discussion. After the discussion the board thanked Mr. Sewell for bringing his idea to the board.

Kirby Clark left the meeting at 10:25.

The board recessed for 10 minutes.

After the recess, the board returned for the old business that was on the agenda. The board discussed and reviewed the rules of order that was revised by Sharon Dickgrafe. Terry Irwin thanked Sharon for all of her work on the rules. Don Vaughn, seconded by Keith Brewer, moved to adopt the rules of order in conjunction with the City ordinance, motion carried 5 – 0.

Discussion was held on the Continuing Education Guidelines, presented by Sharon Dickgrafe. After discussion some changes and recommendations were suggested and Sharon was going to make some changes and present a new draft at the January meeting.

Sharon Dickgrafe discussed the open meeting laws and how it relates to the Mechanical Trades Advisory Council (MTAC).

Terry Irwin, seconded by Don Vaughn, moved for a 20 minute executive session to discuss the open meeting law, motion carried 5 – 0. (10:40 a.m.)

10:54 regular meeting resumed.

Terry Irwin submitted the amendments to the law department for the International Plumbing Code.

Discussion was held on Solid Gas Fuel and pipe sizing, no action taken.

Bill Vines wanted to know why his article on sump pumps was not in the last CINCH. The reason was that the CINCH was already published before his request. Mr. Vines was requested to submit his article to Maria Bias for publication.

Holiday Dinner died for lack action.

Jerry Short, seconded by Leon Breedlove, moved to adjourn, motion carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully submitted
Kim Mudd